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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO SUPPRESS OPPOSITION;
ACCION POPULAR PARTY (AP) PROSCRIBED

REF: LIMA A-114 (NOTAL)

1. TERSE INTERIOR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE DATED MAY 31 ANNOUNCED OUTLAWING OF ACCION POPULAR (AP), PARTY OF OUSTED EX-PRESIDENT BELAUNDE, FOR CARRYING OUT INSIDIOUS COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY CAMPAIGN BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE COUNTRY, FOR ATTEMPTING DAMAGE PRESTIGE OF REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT AND UNITY OF ARMED FORCES, FOR PROMOTING SUBVERSION AND BREAKING OF UNION BETWEEN PEOPLE AND ITS ARMED FORCES. MINISTRY ALSO ANNOUNCED "EXPATRIATION" OF JAVIER ARIAS STELLA (ALREADY DEPORTED, (SEE REFAIR) AND JAVIER ALVA ORLANDINI, A FORMER MINISTER FOR BELAUNDE WHO TWO DAYS BEFORE WAS ELECTED AP SECRETARY GENERAL AT PARTY'S NATIONAL CONGRESS.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS, AUTHORITIES INTERRUPTED AND CLOSED DOWN AP NATIONAL CONGRESS ON EVENING OF MAY 31, THEN FORCEABLY REMOVED ALVA FROM HIS CAR AND ARRESTED HIM AS HE WAS LEAVING PARTY HEADQUARTERS. FOLLOWING
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DAY ALVA TWICE FRUSTRATED ATTEMPTS TO PLACE HIM

ABOARD AIRCRAFT BOUND FOR BUENOS AIRES. HIS PHYSICAL RESISTANCE ON AEROLINEAS ARGENTINAS PLANE FORCED TRANSIT PASSENGERS TO TO DEBARK AND LED TO TWO-HOUR DELAY, AFTER WHICH AIRCRAFT CAPTAIN REFUSED TRANSPORT ALVA BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE RISK TO OTHER PASSENGERS. ALVA WAS TAKEN TO AIR FORCE INSTALLATION AT AIRPORT AND REPORTEDLY ALSO SPOILED SUBSEQUENT EFFORTS TO DEPORT HIM ON BRANIFF FLIGHT.

3. DURING AIRPORT FRACAS, A PRENSA PHOTOGRAPHER WAS ROUGHED UP BY POLICE, HIS EQUIPMENT DAMAGED AND FILM SEIZED. THIS SIDE INCIDENT WAS REPORTED BY COMERCIO, CORREO AND PRENSA (LATTER WITH PHOTOGRAPHS) AND HAS ALREADY RESULTED IN PROTESTS FROM TWO NEWSMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS.

4. LIMA BAR ASSOCIATION, PRESTIGIOUS PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION, PUBLISHED COMMUNIQUE JUNE 2 PROTESTING COP'S VIOLATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEES AND OF UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS (WHICH IS LAW OF REPUBLIC).

5. COMMENT: PROSCRIBING OF AP PARTY IS FIRST SUCH ACTION TAKEN BY MILGOV WHICH HERETOFORE HAS MADE MUCH OF ACT THAT ALL POLITICAL PARTIES HAVE BEEN PERMITTED TO FUNCTION, HOLD MEETINGS AND RALLIES. MILGOV'S ACTION ALSO UNDERSCORES ITS DETERMINATION TO TAKE STERN MEASURES IN SUPRESSING OPPOSITION IT CONSIDERS SEDITIOUS, EVEN AT RISK OF UNSEEMLY SPECTACLES SUCH AS TOOK PLACE AT AIRPORT. NEWSPAPERS WHICH PUBLICIZED INCIDENT MAY EXPECT RENEWED PRESSURES AND BAR ASSOCIATION, WHOSE LEADERSHIP HAS OFTEN HAD DIFFICULTIES WITH MILGOV, MAY FIND ITSELF UNDER ATTACK AGAIN. MEANWHILE, MILGOV IS SIMULTANEOUSLY TAKING STEPS TO DEMONSTRATE POPULAR SUPPORT FOR REVOLUTION (SEE SEPTTEL).
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